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SUBJECT: CCMS: SPRING PLENARY 1975 - ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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ASYG OZDAS HAS CIRCULATED LETTER TO ALL PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR INFO THEIR NATIONAL REPS TO CCMS, REGARDING MAIN LINES OF SYG LUNS' OPENING REMARKS WHICH WILL KEYNOTE THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (REFTEL). TEXT OF OZDAS LETTER AS RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR BRUCE FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT.

ASG.SEA(75)085

17TH MARCH, 1975

DEAR AMBASSADOR BRUCE:

THE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AT THE SPRING PLENARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY
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(CCMS) WILL FOCUS ON "THE EFFECT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES". IT IS INTENDED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL PRESIDE DURING THE MORNING'S DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT ON TUESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1975. IN ORDER THAT YOUR

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CCMS MIGHT PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE DISCUSSION, I WISH TO OUTLINE BELOW FOR TRANSMITTAL TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE THE MAIN LINES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S OPENING REMARKS.

AS POINTED OUT IN THE NOTE CIRCULATED ON THIS DISCUSSION, AC/274-D/49, THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT IN THE ROUND TABLE TO REACH POLICY DECISIONS OR TO ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS. WITHOUT EXPECTING THAT COMPLETE ANSWERS CAN BE PROVIDED, WHAT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL WOULD BE A FRANK DISCUSSION WHICH WOULD SHED LIGHT ON THE TRUE NATURE OF THE APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENERGY AND THOSE FOR ENVIRONMENT. TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE CONFLICT REAL? TO WHAT DEGREE ARE THE GOALS IN THE TWO AREAS MUTUALLY RECONCILABLE? TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE THE NATIONS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO AMEND THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OBJECTIVES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS?

IF ANY SUCH AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED, IT WOULD SEEM VALUABLE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON SEVERAL ASPECTS. HAVE GOVERNMENTS FOUND EFFECTIVE WAYS OF ASSESSING THE NEED FOR THEM AND THEIR EFFECT? HOW, AND TO WHAT DEGREE, HAVE PUBLIC ATTITUDES BEEN MEASURED AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT? IS SIMPLE MONETARY COST THE OVERRIDING CRITERION? HAS ANY NATION DEVELOPED TECHNICAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS WHICH SHOW SPECIAL PROMISE?

THE ABOVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WILL CONCLUDE THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REMARKS. IT IS HOPED THAT CCMS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS AT LEAST IN A PRELIMINARY WAY TENTATIVE ANSWERS BASED UPON NATIONAL EXPERIENCE. THE AIM IS TO PROMOTE AS FRUITFUL AND FRANK A DISCUSSION AS POSSIBLE WHICH CAN ONLY BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL.

YOURS SINCERELY,

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M.N. OZDAS

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